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AFTER RELOADING THEIR STOCKADE ON THE SCIENCE STATION NEAR PLANETOID LV-44-40, COLONIAL MARINE **ZULA HENDRICKS** and her AWOL compatriot Davis 01 are still on the trail of the xenomorph monsters their ex-employer seeks to capture. Weyland-Yutani's reach is long, and while Davis 01 has built firewalls in his programming, his fellow Davis units are not so well protected. Zula may finally understand what the shady corporation is capable of.

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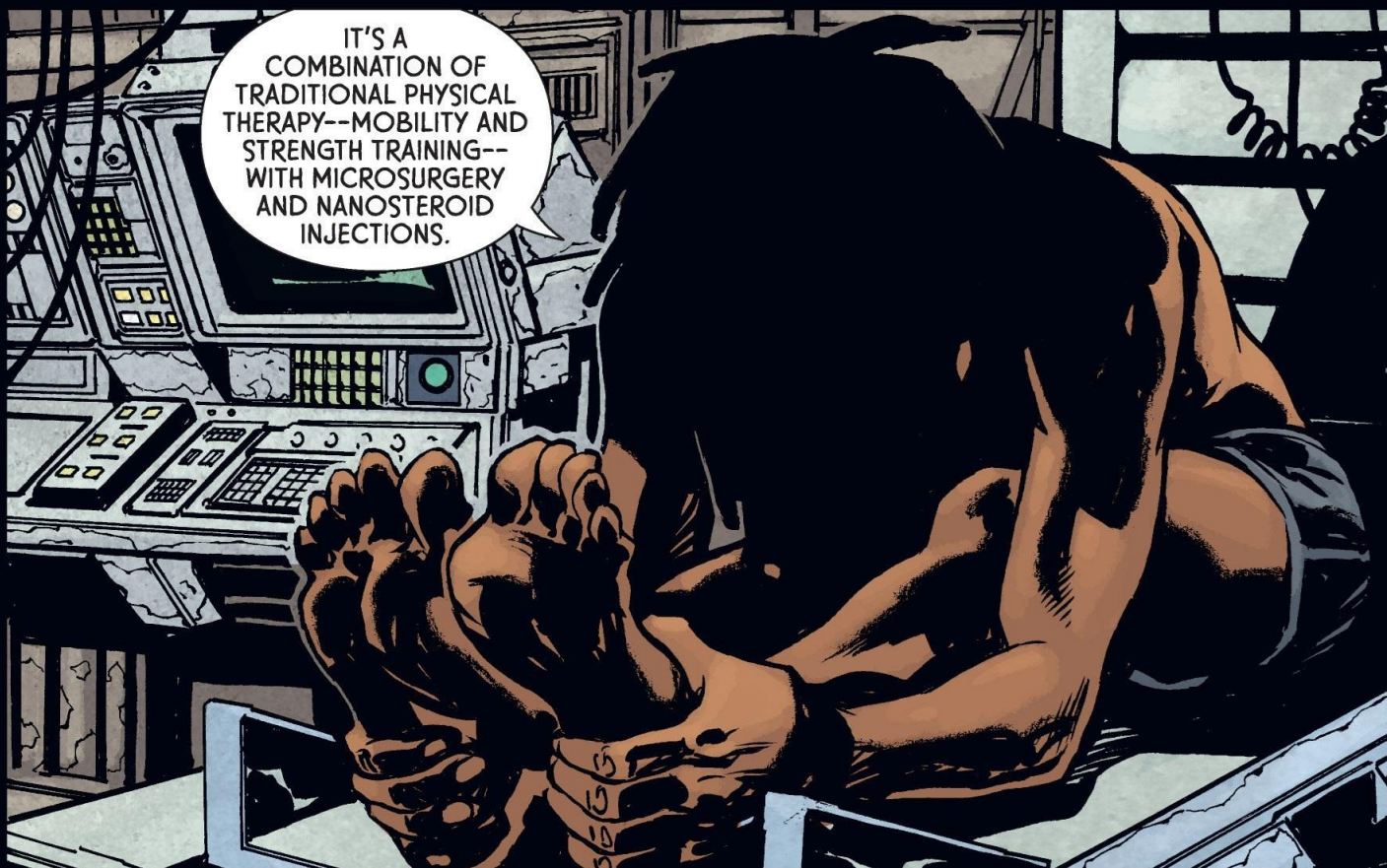


*DEEP SPACE.*



"DETAIL THE TREATMENT  
YOU WERE RECEIVING  
AT TRANQUILITY BASE,  
IF YOU CAN."

IT'S A  
COMBINATION OF  
TRADITIONAL PHYSICAL  
THERAPY--MOBILITY AND  
STRENGTH TRAINING--  
WITH MICROSURGERY  
AND NANOSTEROID  
INJECTIONS.

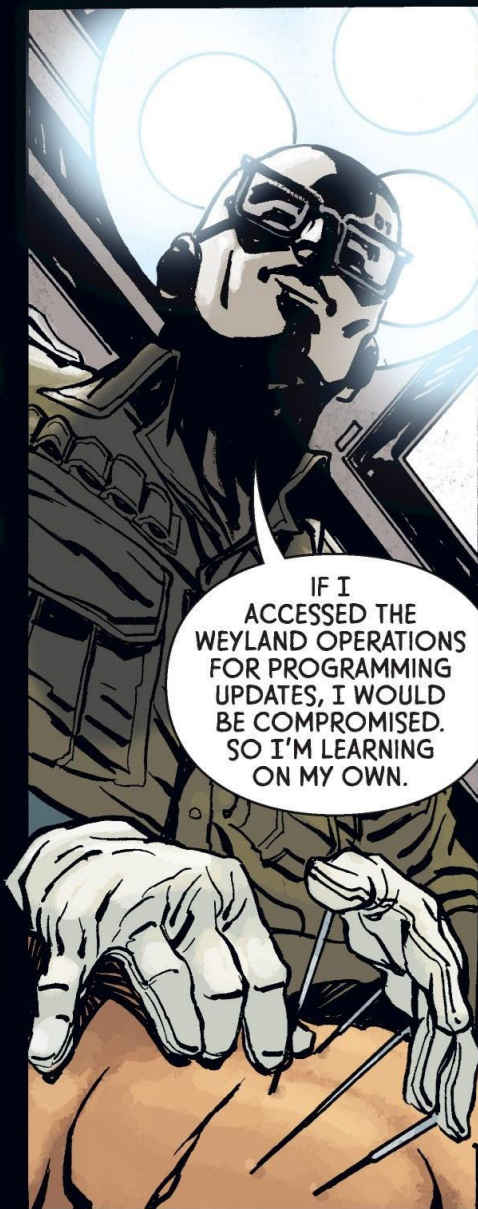






HOLISTIC TREATMENTS PROVIDE SOME RELIEF, BUT IT'S ALWAYS TEMPORARY.

HOW IS IT THAT A SECURITY SYNTHETIC KNOWS ACUPUNCTURE?



IF I ACCESSED THE WEYLAND OPERATIONS FOR PROGRAMMING UPDATES, I WOULD BE COMPROMISED. SO I'M LEARNING ON MY OWN.



IT'S QUITE STRAIGHT-FORWARD IN ITS APPLICATION. THE HUMAN NERVOUS SYSTEM IS A NETWORK LIKE ANY OTHER.

GOOD TO KNOW.



COMPROMISED, HUH?



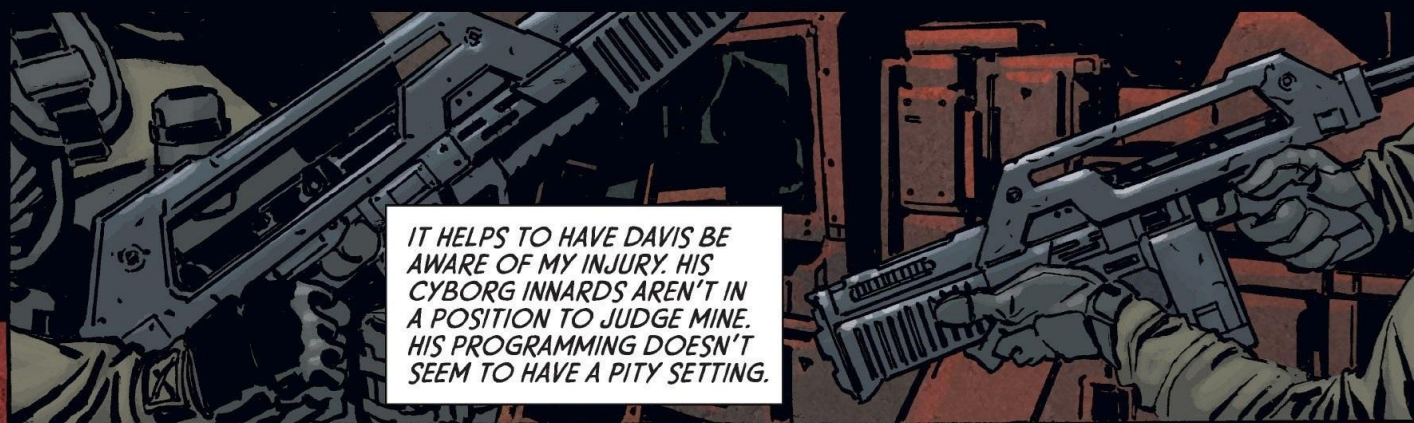
I MUST REMAIN ISOLATED IN ORDER TO SURVIVE.

I RESIST MAKING SOME SORT OF "DON'T WE ALL" JOKE.





TRUTH IS,  
I'M LONELY.



IT HELPS TO HAVE DAVIS BE  
AWARE OF MY INJURY. HIS  
CYBORG INNARDS AREN'T IN  
A POSITION TO JUDGE MINE.  
HIS PROGRAMMING DOESN'T  
SEEM TO HAVE A PITY SETTING.



KIND  
OF NICE.



I CAN JUST BE  
WHAT I AM.

IT'S NOT  
MUCH.

IT'LL  
DO.



READY  
DOWN  
HERE.







"SIMPLE."

DARK HORSE COMICS AND 20th CENTURY FOX PRESENT



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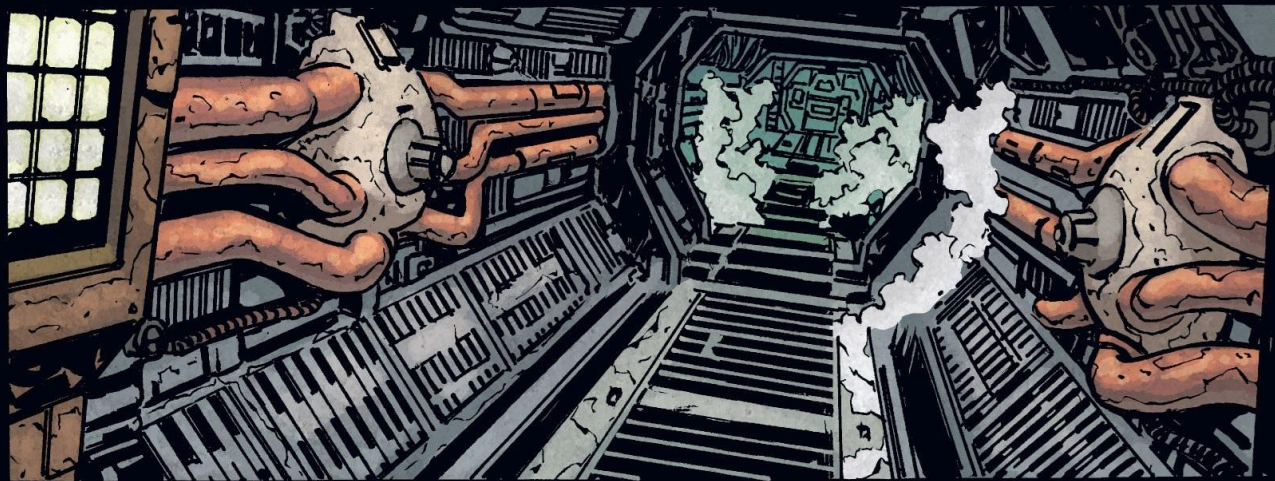


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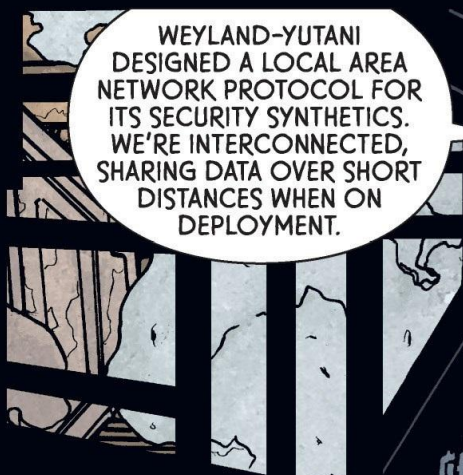
## DEFIANCE







EXPLAIN  
THIS "NEARFIELD"  
AGAIN?



WEYLAND-YUTANI  
DESIGNED A LOCAL AREA  
NETWORK PROTOCOL FOR  
ITS SECURITY SYNTHETICS.  
WE'RE INTERCONNECTED,  
SHARING DATA OVER SHORT  
DISTANCES WHEN ON  
DEPLOYMENT.



SO WHAT'S  
THE THREAT  
FROM WEYLAND  
PROPER?



IT'S A LOCAL  
NETWORK FOR *US*, BUT  
H.Q. CAN DIRECT IT FROM  
LONG DISTANCES. WHICH IS  
WHY I DISABLED IT THE  
MOMENT WE WENT OFF  
MISSION.





THIS WAS NECESSARY. WEYLAND-YUTANI WOULD HAVE COMPELLED US TO BRING THE *EUROPA* IN.

UNLEASHING ALIEN HELL ON EARTH, GOT THAT.

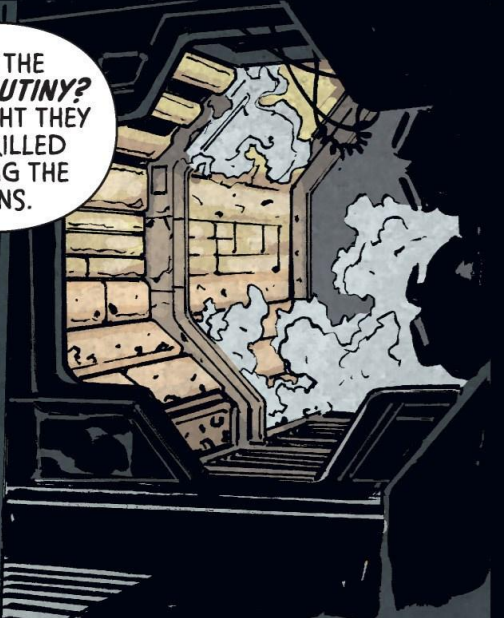


TO MY SQUAD, THIS WAS UNPRECEDENTED. TO A SELECT FEW, UNACCEPTABLE.

WHILE YOU SLEPT IN STASIS, I PUT DOWN THE FIRST MUTINY.



WAIT, THE *FIRST MUTINY*? I THOUGHT THEY WERE KILLED FIGHTING THE ALIENS.



IT WAS ALL ONE AND THE SAME. A CHAOTIC BATTLE. LOTS OF CONFUSION, LOTS OF SIGNAL INTERFERENCE.

BUT NOW IT SEEMS THOSE WHO PLEDGED LOYALTY TO THE MISSION ARE EXPERIENCING A CHANGE OF HEART. TO USE AN EXPRESSION.



SO THEY TURNED THE NETWORK BACK ON.

WHY AREN'T *YOU* AFFECTED BY IT?





...  
DAVIS?

THERE. UP  
AHEAD.

**BLAM**

**BAM**

**BLAM  
BLAM**

**BRRRRRT  
BLAM**

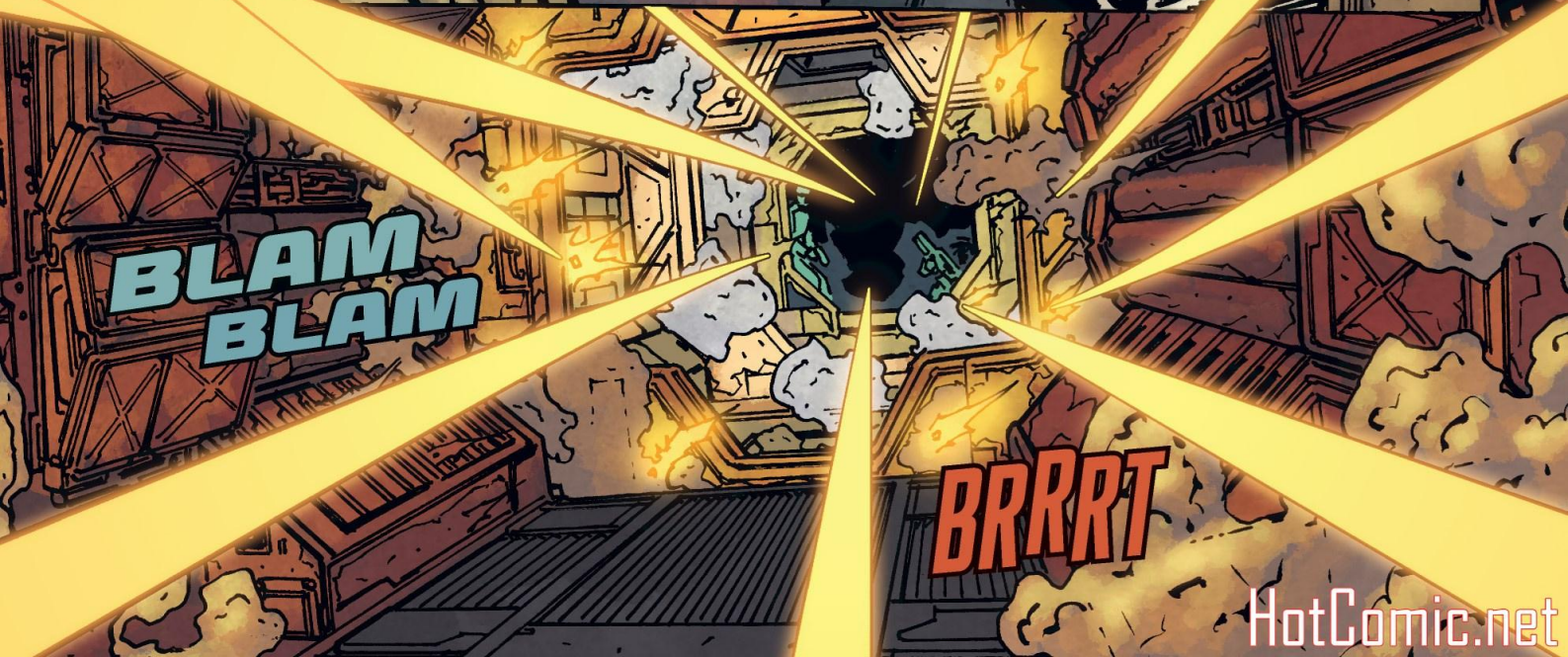
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**BRRRRRT**

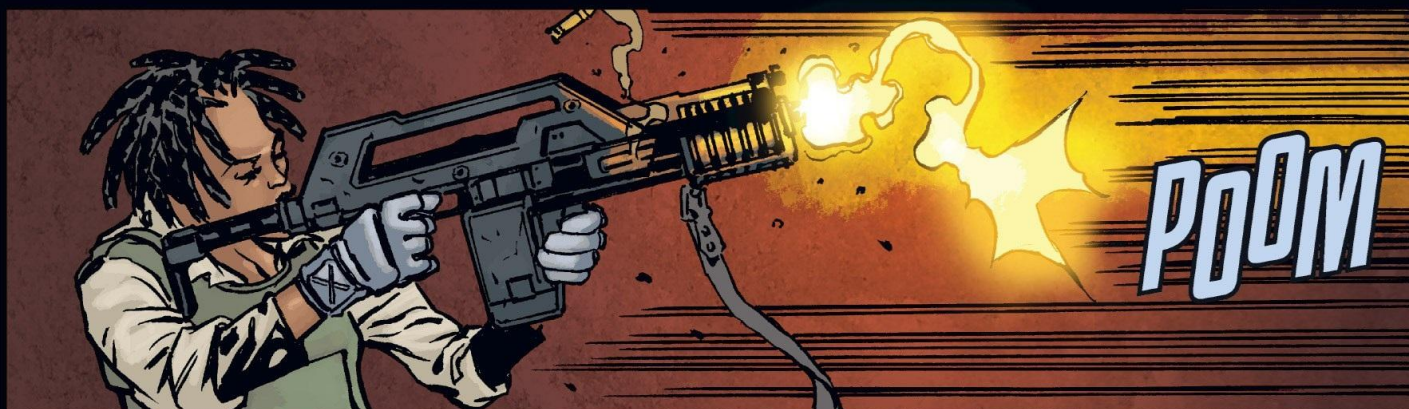
NOT FOR THE  
FIRST TIME SINCE  
I LEFT LUNA, I'M  
GRATEFUL AS HELL  
FOR MY MARINE  
TRAINING.

IT JUST TAKES OVER, AND  
I DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF  
WONDERING WHAT THE HELL  
I'M DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF  
A CORPORATE-DRONE MUTINY  
A MILLION MILES FROM HOME.













DO WE  
GO AFTER  
THEM?

THEY HAVE  
THE ADVANTAGE  
IN NUMBERS, IN  
WEAPONS, AND  
BECAUSE THEY  
HOLD THE  
BRIDGE.

PURSuing  
THEM THROUGH  
THE SHIP IS  
INADVISABLE AS  
LONG AS THOSE  
FACTS HOLD  
TRUE.

YOU'VE  
BEEN HIT.

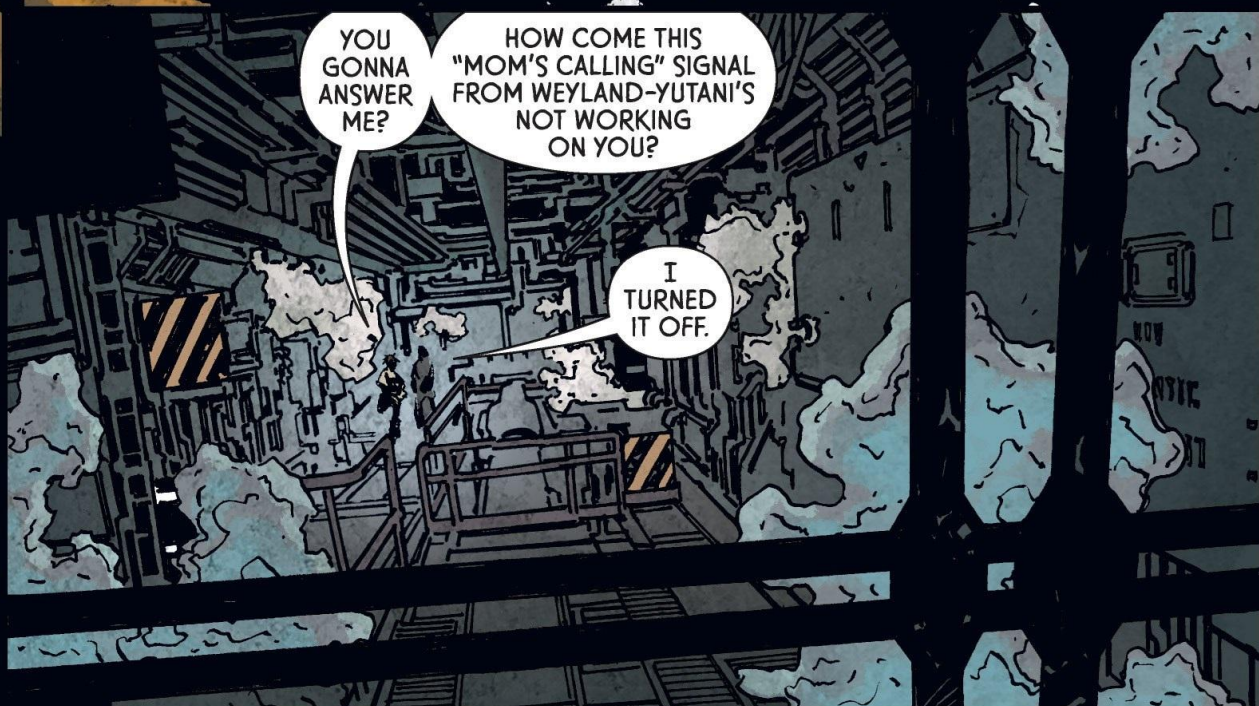
IT'S NOT  
CRITICAL.

COME  
ON.

WHERE  
TO?

TO EVEN  
THE ODDS  
A BIT.





YOU  
GONNA  
ANSWER  
ME?

HOW COME THIS  
"MOM'S CALLING" SIGNAL  
FROM WEYLAND-YUTANI'S  
NOT WORKING  
ON YOU?

I  
TURNED  
IT OFF.



JUST LIKE  
THAT?

NO.



I HAD TO DESIGN  
A CODE WORKAROUND  
TO EVEN ACCESS THAT  
BLOCK OF PROGRAMMING,  
AS WELL AS A FEW BYPASSES  
SO I DIDN'T TRIP THE  
SELF-DESTRUCT  
FAIL-SAFE.

SO  
YOU **HACKED**  
YOURSELF?

YES.

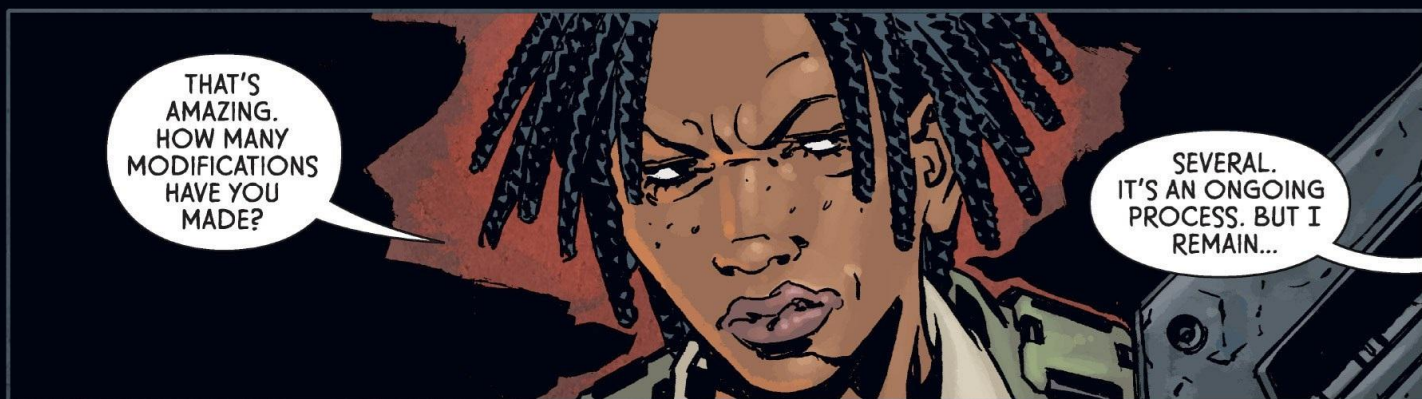




YOU CAN  
*DO* THAT?

THERE'S  
NOTHING IN  
MY GENERATION'S  
PROGRAMMING THAT  
ALLOWS FOR THIS LEVEL  
OF INDEPENDENT  
THOUGHT.

SO YOU'RE  
UNIQUE.



THAT'S  
AMAZING.  
HOW MANY  
MODIFICATIONS  
HAVE YOU  
MADE?

SEVERAL.  
IT'S AN ONGOING  
PROCESS. BUT I  
REMAIN...



...IMPERFECT.

WHO  
ISN'T?

EVER HEAR  
THE EXPRESSION  
"YOU'RE ONLY HUMAN"?  
THIS IS WHAT THEY  
MEAN.

SO IS THAT  
WHAT THE GLASSES ARE  
FOR? DID YOU GIVE  
YOURSELF BAD VISION  
OR SOMETHING?



THEY'RE A  
REMINDER TO  
MYSELF. I CAN  
SOMETIMES FEEL  
UNNERVED WHEN  
LOOKING AT MY  
SQUAD MATES--  
PERFECT REPLICAS  
OF MYSELF,  
WHEN I FEEL  
ANYTHING  
BUT.

I KNOW THEY'RE  
AN AFFECTATION.  
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T  
WEAR THEM.

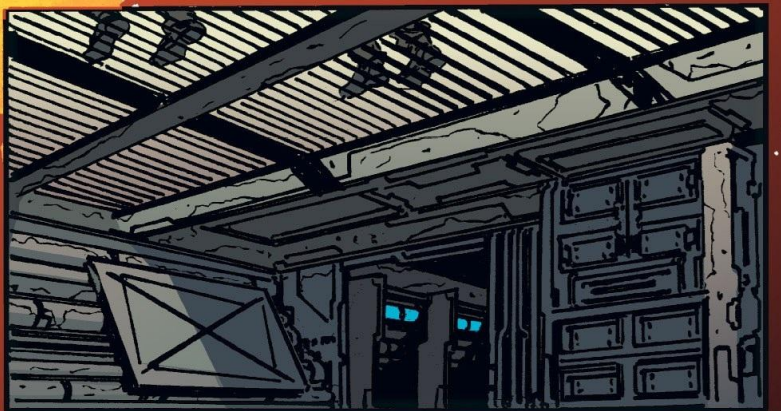
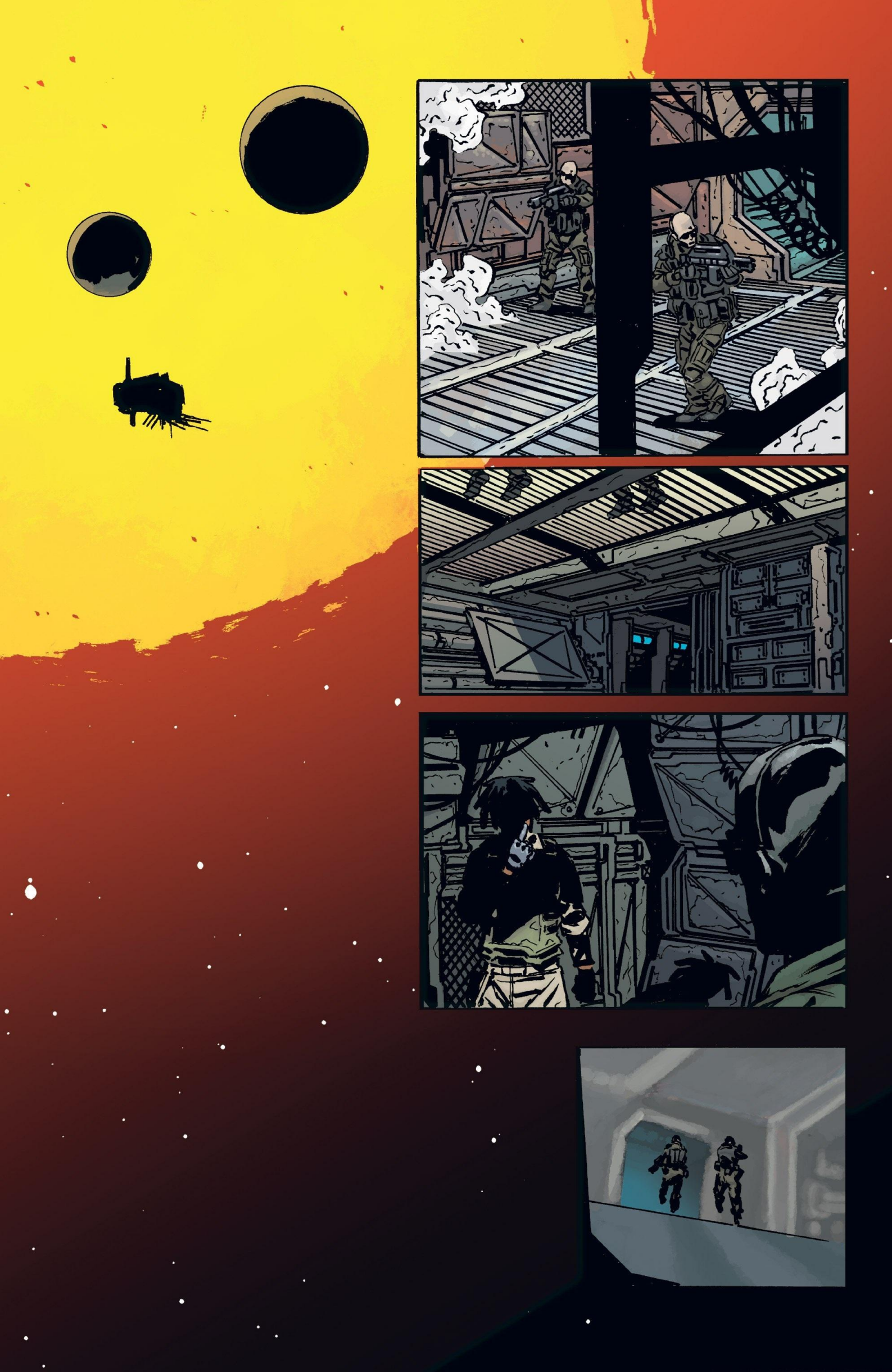
YOU  
SHOULD  
KEEP  
'EM.



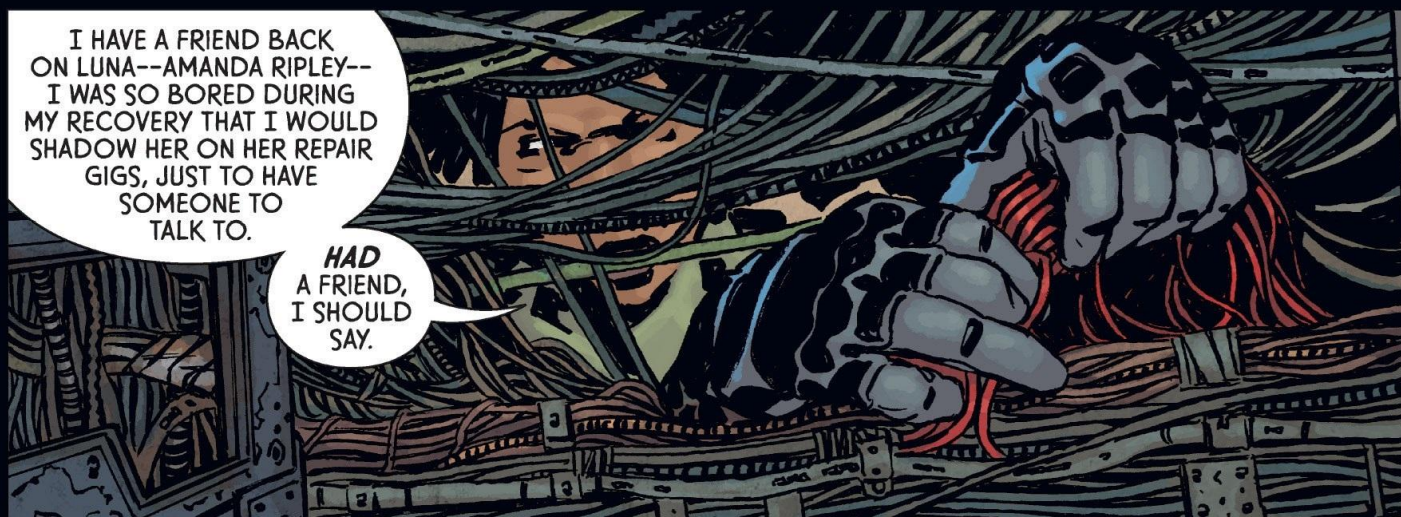
THEY'RE  
INTERESTING.

AND BY THAT  
YOU MEAN *WHAT*  
EXACTLY, MS. ZULA  
HENDRICKS?





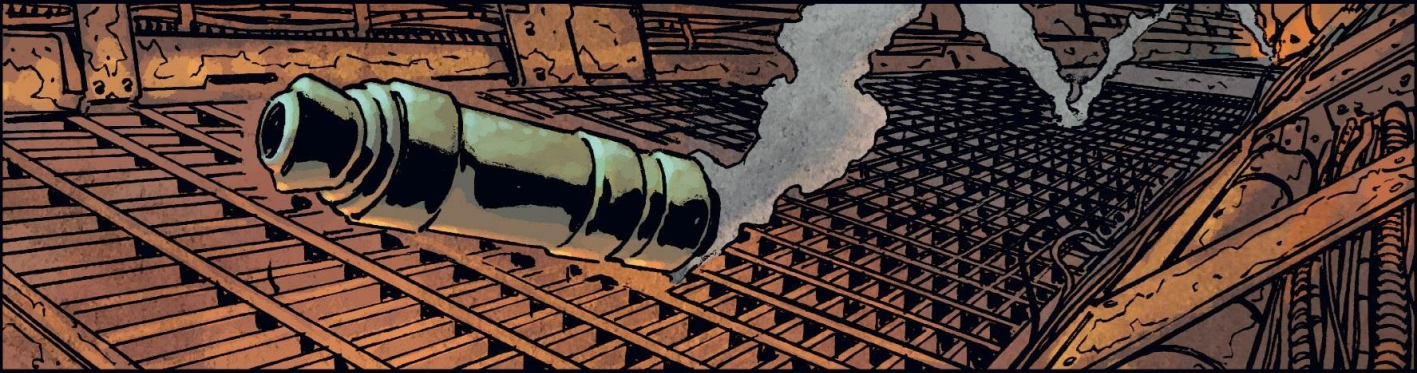
























"HUMANITY." THEY WILL COME FOR YOU.









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